From: Millsap, Susan
To: Gray, Lesli
Cc: Chuck Ardizzone; Debra Hill; Jeff Humphrey; Susan Oetker
Subject: Re: hornshell notifications
Date: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 11:32:53 AM

Thank you Lesli - this really helps us to be consistent. Debra, Jenny and I are all poised to make the required contacts starting tomorrow. Best, Susan

On Tue, Aug 8, 2017 at 9:13 AM, Gray, Lesli <lesli_gray@fws.gov> wrote:

> Good morning. Below is the note that I have drafted for notifying folks about the hornshell extension. Feel free to use if it is helpful. lesli
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> Greetings, we are announcing a six-month extension on the deadline for making a final determination on whether to list the Texas hornshell under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Service is taking this action on its 2016 proposal to list this freshwater mussel in order to solicit additional scientific information on the status of the species in Mexico. We will make a final listing determination no later than February 10, 2018.
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> This announcement will publish in the *Federal Register* on Thursday, August 10th and will be available for public inspection in the Reading Room on Wednesday, August 9th. A 30-day public comment period will begin upon publication of the Notice.
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> Please see the news release below for additional information. **Please note that this announcement is embargoed until tomorrow morning.** Contact me if you have any questions.
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> Thank you –
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